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To:

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And.

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Reference:

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Subject:

Transmittal of Figures and Cross Sections

Pre-Design Soil Investigation, Old Fire Fighting Training Area

Naval Station Newport, Newport Rhode Island

Dear Ms. Keckler/Mr. Kulpa:

Enclosed for your information and review are oversize maps we have prepared to summarize the findings of the soil predesign investigation conducted at the site referenced above. These maps are being provided to you in advance of the report in order to solicit a meeting to discuss the findings and how they should be used in the upcoming soil removal actions.

As these maps show, metals exceeding the PRGs established for the site have been detected well below the groundwater table at the site, and in natural soils, including till and soil under peat layers. We believe that designing a removal action to acquire all these metals is unnecessary, considering their position in the geological strata and considering their likely origin.

It is recognized that such determinations will require your input, and the Navy would like to meet on June 16 prior to the RAB meeting to discuss this further. In particular, we should endeavor to come to agreement on what metals all parties feel are actionable based on this distribution of data, prior to completing and issuing the PDI report. It is our hope that such a discussion will circumvent a lengthy comment-response period for the report and the design documents.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours

Stephen S. Parker, L.S.P.

**Project Manager** 

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**Enclosure** 

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